

# Understanding the Basics of DNA Testing for Genealogical Research

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Using DNA testing as a tool in genealogical research is relatively new and can be of tremendous assistance to genealogists. In some cases the use of DNA testing can guide a researcher toward a new path, confirm the research, or knock down a brick wall. To successfully use DNA testing for genealogical research a basic knowledge of the process and terminology is necessary.

At the end of this seminar the listener should have a basic understanding of the structure of DNA and be able to determine how DNA tests may be used to further genealogical research.